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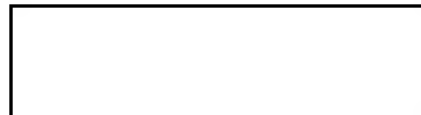
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The attached validity study of NIE 52-56 was noted by the
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The principal substantive deficiency in NIE 52-56 was its failure to anticipate the emergence of the military into open control of the country. Otherwise, its basic estimates have generally held up well. However, the take-over by the military regime and the demise of parliamentary government has changed the context of events in Pakistan. NIE 52-56 (which was produced at the time of the Suez Crisis) was also unduly pessimistic in estimating that Pakistan would give less support to the West than previously and that it would be increasingly receptive to offers of trade and friendship from the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

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